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SUBJECT: UNDP-18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - ITEM 5,

PORTUGUESE STATEMENT ON UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN

TERRITORIES.

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT MADE STATEMENT IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JUNE 7 GUARANTEEING SELF-DETERMINATION TO POPULATION OF ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND WELCOMING ASSISTANCE FROM UNDP AND OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS IN IMPROVING CONDITION OF PEOPLE AND IN ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF PROBLEM. REQUEST U.S. DELEGATION BE AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE PORTUGUESE STATEMENT WHEN IT SPEAKS ON ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JUNE 10 OR 11. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING DISCUSSION IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 7 OF ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF UNDP, COUNCIL PRESIDENT GAVE FLOOR TO REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, WHO HAD ASKED TO SPEAK IN VIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF ACTION BEING TAKEN
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BY UNDP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE

TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE (GA RESOLUTION 1514 (XXV)).

3. PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED ALL IMPLICATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIES PRESENTLY UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION AND THAT IT WAS DEVELOPING ALL EFFORTS IN SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THOSE TERRITORIES.

4. PORTUGUESE REP INFORMED DELEGATES THAT FIRST PHASE OF TALKS BETWEEN REPS OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA BISSAU HAD BEEN CONCLUDED IN LONDON, AND THAT ON JUNE 6 PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH REPS OF FRELIMO WITH OBJECTIVE OF RESOLVING PEACEFULLY PROBLEM OF MOZAMBIQUE. (NO MENTION OF ANGOLA WAS MADE.) THESE NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID, WERE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETE CHANGE IN PORTUGUESE POLICY AND SINCERITY OF ITS INTENTIONS.

5. PORTUGUESE REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT ENVISAGED GIVING TO PEOPLES IN TERRITORIES UNDER ITS ADMINISTRATION RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE, AND THAT IT GUARANTEED IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT DECISION AND WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN GRANTING INDEPENDENCE IF THAT WERE THEIR PEOPLES' CHOICE.

6. PORTUGUESE REP ASSERTED THAT ALL UNDP AID THAT COULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF POPULATION IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WOULD BE WELCOME, AS WOULD ALL UN AID FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

7. RESPONDING TO PORTUGUESE REP, DELEGATES OF UPPER VOLTA, SUDAN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS ALONG GENERAL LINE THAT THEY HOPED PORTUGUESE STATEMENTS WOULD SOON BECOME ACTIONS. NIGERIAN DELEGATE, SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF OAU MADE MORE GRACIOUS REPOSE, STATING PLEASURE THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SAW FIT TO MAKE DECLARATION AT THIS TIME IN THIS INTERNATIONAL FORUM AND HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE REPEATED IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN WEEKS AHEAD.

8. DURING DISCUSSION EARLIER IN DAY OF ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS MADE REFERENCE TO REPORT (DP 66) ON ACTION TAKEN BY UNDP RE ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAL PEOPLES IN AFRICA. WHILE FRENCH DELEGATE ADVISED THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD AVOID FORCING ADMINISTRATOR'S HAND IN VIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS RE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, SWEDEN, NORWAY, AND NETHERLANDS CALLED FOR SPEEDING OF EFFORTS. WHILE THEIR STATEMENTS WERE MODERATE IN TONE, SWEDISH, NORWEGIAN AND DUTCH DELEGATES EXPRESSED THEIR

GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUNDS-IN-TRUST FOR ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IF FUNDS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FROM UNDP GENERAL RESOURCES.

9. TEXT OF PORTUGUESE STATEMENT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT US DELEGATION BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE LOW KEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PORTUGUESE STATEMENT WHEN IT SPEAKS ON ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON JUNE 11. INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED.
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